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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	08/945,459			
Filing Date	December 9, 1997			
First Named Inventor	Fusao Makishima			
Group Art Unit	1647			
Examiner Name	David S. Romeo			
Attorney Docket Number	2923-588			

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). a. X Previously submitted												
		i.	X		consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 17, 2004.								
		ii.		Cons	consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on								
	b.	iii. En	□ (closed	Other									
	D.	i.		a Amendment/Reply									
		ii.		Affida	ffidavit(s)/Declarations								
		iii.		Inform	nformation Disclosure Statement (IDS)								
		iv.			other <u>Extension of Time, Power of Alberney</u> and Change of Address								
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	a.				rension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 3(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee of 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)								
	b. Other												
3.			he RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.										
	a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.									or credit any overpayments, to			
		i.							R. § 1.17(e) ((\$770))		
		ii.							§§ 1.136 and			วง	
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	c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)												
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED													
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SIGNATURE				ll	0	1.	fitte			DATE	May 26, 2004		
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